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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Joseph HERBST

Art Unit: 2662

Application No.: 09/599,544

Examiner: Joseph B. Logsdon

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING DATA FLOW IN A  
NETWORK SWITCH

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Technology Center 2600**

April 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 9.**